

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Currently amended) A system for issuance of identification cards in an
2 enterprise, said system comprising:
3 a plurality of card issuance components for production of identification cards of
4 different types;
5 a card issuance controller coupled to said plurality of card issuance components
6 for controlling said plurality of card issuance components to service requests for said production
7 of identification cards, wherein the requests include production of cards of different types
8 including at least two of a debit card, an ATM card, a credit card, a mag stripe card and a smart
9 card;
10 an enterprise server coupled to said card issuance controller through an enterprise
11 network for managing requests for production of said identification cards, wherein the enterprise
12 server is configured to determine an appropriate card issuance component to produce the card
13 based at least in part on the card type and to transmit production information to an appropriate
14 card issuance controller to produce the card; and
15 a card issuance client coupled to said enterprise server through the enterprise
16 network for generating requests for said production of identification cards.

1 2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein said enterprise server
2 includes:
3 a card issuance component queue corresponding to each of said plurality of card
4 issuance components wherein each request of said requests is entered into one of the card
5 issuance component queues corresponding to a selected component of said plurality of card
6 issuance components and wherein the enterprise server is configured to monitor the status of
7 each of the card issuance component queues and to transmit production information from the

8 card issuance component queues to the card issuance controller for subsequent production by the
9 card issuance component.

1 3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 2 wherein said enterprise
2 ~~service-server~~ further includes:
3 at least one production queue corresponding to a component to said plurality of
4 ~~card issuance components wherein each request of said requests xx directed to said~~
5 ~~component is entered into said production queue~~ that includes production requests for later
6 production, and wherein card production requests that are in the production queues may be
7 moved to one of the card issuance component queues when ready for production.

1 4. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising:
2 an administrative client coupled to said enterprise server through the enterprise
3 network for providing a user interface for managing a network configuration database ~~requests~~
4 for said production of identification cards.

1 5. (Currently amended) The system of claim 4 wherein said administrative
2 client includes:
3 a graphical user interface element to enable a user to administer aspects of said
4 system wherein said graphical user interface includes iconic representations corresponding to
5 each of said plurality of card issuance components, wherein the graphical user interface is
6 configured to permit future requests generated by the card issuance client to be directed to
7 different card issuance components or to different production queues using a drag and drop
8 feature.

1 6. (Currently amended) The system of claim 4 ~~5~~ further comprising:
2 a card issuance component queue for cards that are ready to be produced, the card
3 issuance component queue corresponding to each of said plurality of card issuance components
4 wherein production requests are selectively entered into said card issuance ~~production~~

5 component queue corresponding to a selected component of said plurality of card issuance
6 components;

7 at least one production queue for cards that are to be processed at a later time, the
8 production queue corresponding to one each component of said plurality of card issuance
9 components wherein production requests are selectively entered into said production
10 queue corresponding to a selected component of said plurality of card issuance
11 components,

12 wherein said graphical user interface further includes iconic representations of
13 each said card issuance component ~~production~~ queue and of each said production queue.

1 7. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein said graphical user interface is
2 operable to permit an administrative user to route future card production requests to a desired
3 alternate card issuance component queue corresponding to another card issuance component of
4 said plurality of card issuance components or to an alternate production queue corresponding to
5 another card issuance component of said plurality of card issuance components.

1 8. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising:
2 a database ~~associated with said administrative client~~ for centrally storing
3 identification information and related information associated with said request.

1 9. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising:
2 a card format database having information regarding types of cards to be
3 produced within the system, wherein the card types include at least two of a debit card, an ATM
4 card, a credit card, a mag stripe card and a smart card.

1 10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 9 1 further comprising:
2 a plurality of queues each of which corresponds to one of said plurality of card
3 issuance components wherein each request of said requests is entered into a selected queue of
4 said plurality of queues corresponding to a selected component of said plurality of card issuance
5 components; and

6 links stored within a network configuration database associating each of said
7 requests with said queue based at least in part on the type of card identified in each said request.

1 11. (Currently amended) A method for producing identification cards
2 comprising the steps of:

3 generating a request in a client process to produce an identification card wherein
4 said request includes information regarding a type of card to be produced;

5 transmitting said request from said client process to an enterprise server process
6 through an enterprise network to manage the production of said identification card; ~~and~~

7 evaluating a rule set and placing the request into either a card issuance component
8 queue where cards are ready for immediate production or into a production queue for later
9 production based on the evaluation; and

10 forwarding said request from said card issuance component queue to a card
11 issuance controller process coupled to a plurality of card issuance components for production of
12 the identification card ~~enterprise server process to a card issuance controller process coupled to a~~
13 ~~plurality of card issuance components for production of said identification card, wherein said~~
14 ~~type of card determines a selected card issuance component of said plurality of card issuance~~
15 ~~components for production of said identification card by said card issuance controller process.~~

12. (Canceled).

1 13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11 ~~12~~ wherein the rule set
2 includes card type criteria and location criteria, and further comprising step of queuing includes
3 the step of:

4 linking said request to a particular card issuance component queue or production
5 queue based at least in part on the requested card type and a location where the request
6 originated ~~card type information in said request.~~

1 14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 ~~12~~ wherein ~~the step of~~
2 ~~queuing includes the step of:~~

3 ~~first queuing said request in a production queue associated with said card issuance~~
4 ~~component~~ the production queue includes production requests for later processing, and further
5 comprising;
6 receiving instruction from an administrative user to process requests in said
7 production queue; and
8 transferring said request from said production queue to said card issuance
9 component queue.

15. (Canceled).

1 16. (New) The system of claim 1, further comprising a network configuration
2 database that is configured to evaluate each card issuance request based at least in part on the
3 type of card and a location where the request originated and to determine a card issuance
4 component queue or a production queue to place the request.